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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicant requests that the application be amended as follows:

In the Specification:

✓ Please insert the following section title at page 1, line 6:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

✓ Please insert the following section at page 1, line 10:

STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT RIGHTS

This invention was made with the U.S. Government support under Grant Number DAMD17-96-1-6006, awarded by the Army Medical Research and Materiel Command. The U.S. Government has certain rights in the invention.

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 1-13 without prejudice

Amend the claims to read as follows:

14. (Once Amended) A method of repairing a lesion on a solid visceral organ, comprising:
applying an energy-absorbing proteinaceous material to a lesion site on the solid visceral organ lesion;
irradiating the proteinaceous material with energy sufficient to fuse the energy-absorbing material at least partially to the lesion site;
applying a biocompatible denatured albumin lamina onto the proteinaceous material on the lesion site; and